Lady Franklin

Upper Gore Lodge

Kensington Gore

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By Jane Lady Franklin

Miltown D 16. Charlotte St.
Sir James Ross Friday night.
Mrs Scott Hastie Boscawen

My dear Sir James

I wrote a few lines to Lady Ross to day expressing my hope that she would be with us on Wednesday next. I thought it more prudent not to propose an earlier day lest my sister's invalid servants shd not be able to be moved quite so soon as that is reason to hope she may be - at present my sister intends going out on

Monday next. In spite of the discouragement you gave me about the children, I continued to tell Lady Rose that I hoped this matter would be considered again since we have much more room in this house than I have found in any other lodging I have been & it would be a real pleasure to us to have them, both for their own sake & because I think it wd make you stop with us longer & feel happier than you can do away from them.

My dear old father asked me to day whether I thought you would like to go to a "Court dinner" of the Goldsmiths' Company on the 15th He would be proud to take you with him on that day - They are select dinners & of course sumptuous ones & there are always some few people of rank or eminence invited as guests. You would oblige me by sending me as early an answer as you can to this - my father I believe is one of the Wardens & has the privilege of inviting - yr most truly

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a doubt or difficulty, but assured me of having every thing I stipulated for, making notes (apparently) of what I said & begging me not to "inquiéter". The least in the world - the even late change of form having occasioned, sending for it from the Hotel & obtaining it at his office - When I reminded him of this he exclaimed in an almost pathetic tone, true to his French instincts, Ah! Madame - do you suppose that I must stand tripping to me to do your every service - quite independent &c — —

We had the mortification to see the Cambaye' sail without us on the evening of the 10th & now our sole resource is to look to Bombay in order to proceed to Suez by the mail of the 29th the P&O. Co.

of May & very much dislike returning to Bombay.

We have taken advantage of your detention to spend a day at Mahaun & received the greatest kindness from Mr Lutchins & Mr. Sole -

Your Arabchi here has been every thing that is amiable & obliging.

Once more thanking you & Sir Hercules for all your kindness & with the hope that you will allow us some day to renew our acquaintance in England, I am dear Lady Robertson

very sincerely yours

Jane Franklin.

Having found my old Sutlej almanac of 1858, I can give you the height authority as to

I shall rejoice in having had the unexpected opportunity of making it to you — with love to Drummond; & my affect. Aunt Jane Franklin

Love to dear Mary — also from Sophy

60. Pall Mall
12th March/57

I don't recollect to mind whether Bro has any name besides William — let me know — don't forget

My dear Catherine

My dear friend

Caspar Osborn has just been appointed to the "Furious", one of the finest steam frigates in the navy, destined for China, with a fleet of gunboats under him, — He has very kindly & handsomely placed at my disposal the single bit of patronage which falls to a Post Captain on commissioning a Ship. viz. the appointment to a Naval Cadetship, & knowing that you & Drummond wish Bro to go into the Navy, it is a great pleasure & comfort to me to be able to offer him & you such an advantageous opportunity. He is rather young, (only just turned 12 I believe) but

This consideration is quite independent of the extreme difficulty there is of getting into the navy at all — I suppose there is hardly an officer in the Navy who at this moment stands higher in public esteem than Osborn does & his nomination would be highly valued by any man for his son. Bro' would I am sure become attached to him & I am equally sure that Osborn is the man to see into the boys character & develope the best points in it. He would have another friend too in one of the Lieutenants, named Brock, a cousin of Saumarez Lacy & who has just been appointed at the request of Osborn who met the young man here one day when he was enquiring his goal for another season in which he desired to get employment. Brock distinguished himself in the Black Sea & of Bro you, I shall particularly recommend him to his good offices

The ship will in all probability sail in less than a month, it may be even in a fortnight or 10 days — So that travelling as I am not to give you due time for consideration I fear I must press you to an early decision — I dare say you will wish to see Bro' before you answer & I will only ask you to be kind enough to do this as early as possible. You can accept the nomination if you please without sending him off in the Furious — he will then have to be removed shortly to a naval school, but you will lose the immediate patronage of Osborn. I think I have put every thing fairly before you, & whether you accept the offer and

Osborn makes no objection on that account.
on the contrary he says it is the best age,
& he hopes that certain new regulations
will not prevent the boy going with
him directly - The new regulation is
that boys who have received nomination
for the navy must spend 3 years at a
naval school before going afloat, but
Captn O. believes that the rule is not yet
in force, & like many other naval
men he thinks I believe that the
strictest discipline is the best naval school
if under good superintendence -

I feel that I may never have a better
or so good an opportunity of being
useful to your dear boy, my dear husband's
godson, as the present one. Independently
of Osborn's high reputation & the brilliant
career now before him, I know no one
who from personal affection towards myself
& from respect to your Uncle's memory (tho'
he did not know him) would interest himself in
any like degree in his welfare & to a young
boy, a mere child, as a naval cadet must
always be, this watchful care at the outset
is invaluable - I am sure that Osborn who
is a man of every kindness, watched as
you know with the greatest bravery, would
watch over him as a father & take every
means & opportunity of making him worthy
& of shewing that he is worthy of being
your dear Uncle's nephew. Captn O. makes
only 2 conditions - that he did be in good
health, & have a good will for the service.

Do not suppose however that I take
it for granted that you accept this offer,
I do not know whether Bro would
like it, or whether you are prepared
at once to fix his future father profession
he is so young that if he did not like it or
find, he might still turn to something else
but I would not advise this experiment -
while there are so many lingering & pining
for such an opening for their passionate
predilections, it would not be right to
Osborn to give him an only half-willing
boy to nurture & train & Bro is or will
be I dare say fit for other things if he
has no decided calling for a seaman's life.
I wish only to set faithfully before you the
solid advantages of the present opportunity
which in some respects I am sure it will
never again be in my power to offer to any one

Many thanks dear Mrs Donald
for the beautiful bag which
I have no doubt will be most
useful & I take & admire it
for
your sake also. - Pray assure
Mrs Donald that I took
forward with great pleasure
to making her acquaintance as
soon as my mind is in any degree
relieved from the pressure of
my present very harassing cares.
We return two of the books
& if you please will keep Eastbury
a little longer.

Affectionately yrs
Jane Franklin.

8th Dec 1855

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